

REMARKS

The Restriction and Election of Species Requirements of August 11, 2005, have been received and reviewed.

Claims 1- 91 are currently pending in the above-referenced application and are subject to the restriction and election of species requirements.

Restriction Requirement

An election is hereby made, without traverse, to prosecute claims 21-34, 35-45, and 69-82 of Group II.

Election of Species Requirement

In addition, the Office has purportedly identified two species of invention:

Species A: mode of attachment;

- (i) via adhesive (*e.g.*, claims 5-11, 21-34, 35-45, 46-59, 61-64, 76-80, etc.);
- (ii) via vacuum (*e.g.*, claims 12-13, 65, 81-82, 83-91, etc.);

Species B: surface configuration;

- (i) planar (*e.g.*, claims 27, 37, 73, etc.);
- (ii) non-planar or contoured (*e.g.*, claims 28, 38-39, 75, etc.).

With respect to Species B, the Office has not defined the element that is either “planar” or “non-planar.” It is presumed that these terms are descriptive of an upper surface of a substrate of fabrication equipment.

An election is hereby made, without traverse, to prosecute the claims that read on Species A(i) and on Species B(i).

It is respectfully submitted that each of claims 21-27, 29-37, 39-45, 69-74, and 76-82 reads on both Species A(i) and B(i). Claims 21-25, 29-36, 39-45, 69-72, and 76-80 are generic to all of the identified species of invention.

Information Disclosure Statements

In addition, please note that Information Disclosure Statements were filed in the above-referenced application on October 17, 2003 and January 9, 2004, but that the undersigned attorney has not yet received any indication that the references cited in these Information Disclosure Statements have been considered in the above-referenced application. It is respectfully requested that the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statements of October 17, 2003 and January 9, 2004, be considered and made of record in the above-referenced application and that initialed copies of the Forms PTO/SB/08A that accompanied the Information Disclosure Statements be returned to the undersigned attorney as evidence of such consideration.

If any of the documents or any portion thereof is not available to the Office, the undersigned attorney would be happy to supply a copy thereof to the Office.

In view of the foregoing elections, claims 1-20, 46-68, and 83-91 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. An early and favorable action on the merits of claims 21-34, 35-45, and 69-82 is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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